

Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

Reality as we knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Psychic therapist Emma Frost and Scott Summers live happily in Connecticut. Peter Parker is married to Gwen Stacy, and they have a young son, Richie. New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage.

Wolverine is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit, and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique. When he escapes from the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier, their flying mobile base, Logan is kidnapped by Cloak of Luke Cage's underground resistance... and finds himself held at arrow-point by the long-dead Avenger Hawkeye.

Through the mysterious powers of a young girl named Layla Miller, a group of heroes have been shown the truth about how life used to be. Rocked by the revelation of what has occurred, the heroes head to Genosha to face Magneto in a do-or-die mission, with the fate of the entire world hanging in the balance.

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